

New York State Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Task Force

Chapter 451 of the Laws of 2004 created a task force within the Department of State to examine and make recommendations to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly regarding the effectiveness and feasibility of utilizing access to health insurance benefits as a method of recruiting volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. The membership of this task force includes the Secretary of State, Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Superintendent of Insurance and six representatives of the volunteer fire and EMS community.

The Task Force is gathering information from current volunteer fire and EMS personnel to identify the need for health insurance coverage and the extent to which this type of coverage would be effective as a recruitment and retention tool. The Task Force members ask that you complete this short survey to assist them in their task. Please complete and return this survey by **October 1, 2005**.

County: _____ Fire Department: _____

FDID: _____ Total number of active members in organization: _____

Years of Fire Department Service: ? 0-1 ? 1-5 ? 6-10 ? 11-15 ? over 15

Age Group: ? 16-25 ? 26-40 ? 41-55 ? over 55

Full Time Employment: ? Private Sector ? Self Employed
? Public Sector (Municipality/Town/County/State)

Household Income level: ? \$0-\$20,000 ? \$21-\$30,000 ? \$31-\$40,000
? \$41-\$50,000 ? \$51-\$60,000 ? over \$60,000

Health Insurance: ? Yes ? No If yes: ? Single ? Family
? Funded by employer % or \$ amount _____
? Contributory % or \$ amount _____

Please complete and return to:

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